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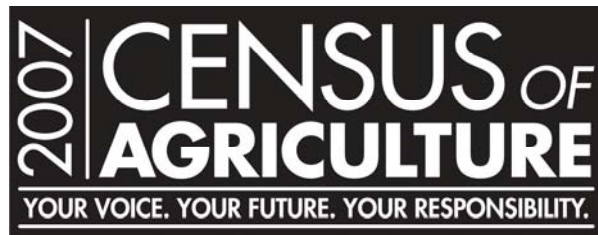
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April Farm Labor

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 21,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of April 6-12, 2008, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Hired workers worked an average of 43.2 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$9.50 per hour.

Nationally, farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.60 per hour during the April 2008 reference week, up 40 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.65 per hour, up 30 cents from last April, while livestock workers earned \$10.32 per hour compared with \$9.59 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.87 per hour, was up 45 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.0 hours for hired workers during the survey week.



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